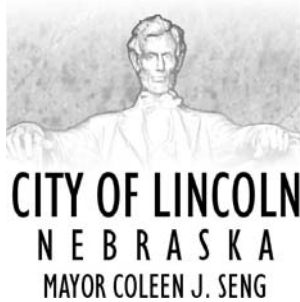


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LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE ON WINTER FIRE SAFETY

With the cold weather upon us, there is great concern to the safety of all the citizens of our community. Chief Spadt of Lincoln Fire & Rescue would like to stress the importance of fire safety during this time. He asks that citizens take a few extra moments to periodically check the fire in the fireplace or wood burning stove and make sure the chimneys are kept clean of soot build up. Never leave lit candles burning when you leave, or go to bed. Free standing space heaters should have a "tip-over" shut off switch. Place space heaters at least three feet from any combustible material, and always have a working smoke detector in your residence. Chief Spadt is asking the community to help in preventing loss. "By practicing fire prevention, having a working smoke detector, knowing your escape routes, and practicing good fire safety, we as a community can save lives and reduce the losses from fire". By following a few simple rules, you and your family can be fire-safe through the heating season.